

### In the Specification

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 16, Line 11, with the following amended [marked-up] paragraph:

Table 1 below illustrates preferred DC fiber parameters in accordance with the invention that result in achievement of the desired properties. Parameters are illustrated in Table 1 for the three four segment designs listed above (having a three segment core and a fourth segment designated as cladding). Set forth are maximum  $\Delta\%$  of each particular segment, as well as corresponding radii  $R_i$ . The cases in which the radius measurements are taken to the midpoint of a segment are labeled in the table heading. All other radii are the maximum outer radii of a given segment as well as the minimum inner radii of the next adjacent segment, where the segments are counted beginning with 1 (corresponding to the central core segment) and proceeding outward. These other radii are measured to the point where the profile crosses the cladding refractive index.